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1. CATHOLIC WORKMAN KILLED IN EXPLOSION BOOBY TRAPPED THERMOS BOTTLE MAY 22 AND TWO BROTHERS ALSO CATHOLIC SINGLED OUT FROM PROTESTANT FRIENDS AND EXECUTED MAY 23. PROTESTANT ACTION FORCE HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY THESE KILLINGS. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY (RUC) PATROLMAN KILLED IN EXPLOSION BOOBY TRAPPED HIJACKED CAR NEAR LONDONDERRY MAY 24 AND PROTESTANT YOUTH FOUND SHOT TO DEATH COUNTY TYRONE MAY 26. SIX CATHOLIC CHILDREN ESCAPED DEATH WHEN THEIR FARMHOUSE HOME COUNTY ARMAGH BOMBED MAY 24. PROVISIONAL IRA HAS DENIED RESPONSIBILITY FOR KILLING RUC CONSTABLE AND OFFICIAL IRA HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHOOTING ATTACKS NEWRY MAY 21 (REFTEL).

2. LITTLE IS KNOWN OF PROTESTANT ACTION FORCE. ONLY ONE LOCAL NEWSMAN CLAIMS DIRECT CONTACT WITH THEM AND THAT IN NOVEMBER 1974. AT THAT TIME GROUP CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIFTY FIVE SECTARIAN ASSASSINATIONS
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OF SELECTED REPUBLICANS. AT ONE POINT ULSTER VOLUNTEER

FORCE (UVF) SPOKESMAN STATED THAT UVF HAD ESTABLISHED
CONTACT WITH PAF AND PERSUADED LEADERS TO STOP OPERATIONS
TEMPORARILY. PAF RUMORED BE COMPOSED EX-SERVICEMEN AND
OFFICERS AND REPORTEDLY BOASTS THAT NONE ITS MEMBERS EITHER
APPREHENDED OR KILLED IN OPERATIONS.

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